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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

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SUBJECT: TALK WITH KING: MILITARY ASSISTANCE

1. DURING OUR TALK MORNING JUNE 26, KING SAID THAT IN A PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH YOU DURING LAST VISIT TO WASHINGTON THE QUESTION OF US EQUIPMENT WHICH WAS BROUGHT OUT OF VIETNAM AT LAST MOMENT HAD COME UP. HE INDICATED THAT YOU THOUGHT SOME OF OUR FRIENDS (AS HE PUT IT) INCLUDING JORDAN, MIGHT POSSIBLY OBTAIN SOME HELP IN GETTING SOME OF THIS MATERIAL.

2. KING SAID HE HAD RETURNED AND LOOKED OVER HIS OWN SITUATION. HE KNEW THAT MOST OF THE EQUIPMENT WAS AIRCRAFT AND HE DID NOT WANT TO LET ANY OPPORTUNITY GO BY WITHOUT SPEAKING UP. HIS PRIORITIES ARE FOR MORE F-5E'S, SOME HELICOPTERS, AND SOME ADDITIONAL C-130 TRANSPORTS. HE BELIEVED THAT ALL THREE TYPES OF AIRCRAFT WERE RECOVERED FROM VIETNAM. HE ASKED ME TO PASS ON HIS INTEREST TO YOU AND DETERMINE WHAT COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO JORDAN.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: A REPLY TO KING'S INQUIRY.

4. KING ALSO ADDED THAT HIS IS QUITE CONFIDENT OF SAUDI HELP IN BUYING AIR DEFENSE AND WOULD LIKE TO GET THAT WRAPPED UP QUICKLY. (I SUSPECT HE HAS MORE REQUESTS HE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE OF THE SAUDIS AND DOES NOT WANT TO DO SO UNTIL AIR DEFENSE IS OUT

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OF THE WAY.) WE ARE STILL WAITING FOR DOD TO PROVIDE PRICES

ON THE HAWKS. KING SAYS THAT SAUDIS WANT JORDAN TO WORK OUT PRICES FOR THE EQUIPMENT DIRECTLY WITH US AND THEN TO BRING THEM BACK TO RIYADH. JORDANIAN CHIEF OF STAFF IS STANDING BY TO GO TO RIYADH. GRATEFUL FOR ANYTHING WE CAN DO TO SPEED PROCESS IN DOD OF PROVIDING THESE FIGURES FOR WHICH WE HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: BE GRATEFUL IF DEPARTMENT AT SENIOR LEVEL COULD PROD DOD ON GETTING THIS INFORMATION TO JORDANIANS.

6. TOLD KING THAT SECRETARY HAD SIGNED A DETERMINATION TO INCREASE GRANT MILITARY AID FOR 1975 BY \$10 M TO A NEW TOTAL OF \$70M. HE WAS VERY PLEASED AND ASKED THAT I PASS ON HIS THANKS.
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